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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Ervin Bill - S. 782

1. Mr. Maury and I met with John W. Dean, Associate Deputy Attorney General for Legislation; J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division; and Kevin T. Maroney, Chief, Appeals and Research Section, Internal Security Division, to discuss S. 782.

2. We told the Justice officials of our talks with Senator Ervin, our offer to testify in executive session, and his rebuff proposing an open hearing. We also gave what information we had as to the attitude of different members of the Congress, and briefed them on our contacts in the Executive Branch, particularly with Ken BeLieu. They agreed that the bill was basically a bad one, and from our point of view the worst part was the access by employees or applicants to the Federal courts. Mr. Dean mentioned a memorandum he had seen from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Deputy Attorney General strongly criticizing the bill's predecessor, S. 1035, but mentioned that Mr. Wozencraft's subsequent testimony was somewhat watered down.

3. Mr. Dean said he would mention our briefing to Mr. BeLieu when he sees him this evening.



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